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Information session

Open Call for proposals

Euro-MED04

Thematic projects : TEST or TRANSFER

08 March 2024

Agenda

| | |
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| 10:00 – 10:10 | Opening session |
| 10:10 – 10:40 | Strategic framework of the Programme |
| 10:40 – 11:15 | Presentation of the Call and expectations Application procedure |
| 11:15 – 11:30 | Q&A |
| 11:30 – 11:45 | Break |
| 11:45 – 12:15 | Tools to help you submit an application |
| 12:15- 12:30 | Q&A |

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Strategic framework of the Programme

- Mission approach
- Priorities and specific objectives
- Types of projects
- Update on Programme Implementation

The Interreg Euro-MED Programme

294M€



4 interconnected and complementary missions to reach climate-neutral and resilient society



Interreg Euro-MED's missions: a comprehensive approach

Strengthening an innovative sustainable economy



Protecting, restoring and valorising the natural environment and heritage



Promoting green living areas



Enhancing sustainable tourism



Missions, priorities and specific objectives



Strengthening an innovative sustainable economy

Smarter Mediterranean

Greener Mediterranean

- 1.1** Consolidating a competitive innovation ecosystem
- 2.6** Supporting circular economy



Protecting, restoring and valorising the natural environment and heritage

- 2.4** Promoting climate change adaptation and risks prevention
- 2.7** Enhancing Nature & biodiversity



Promoting green living areas

- 2.4** Promoting climate change adaptation and risks prevention



Enhancing sustainable tourism

- 1.1** Consolidating a competitive innovation ecosystem
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- 2.7** Enhancing Nature & biodiversity

Better Mediterranean Governance

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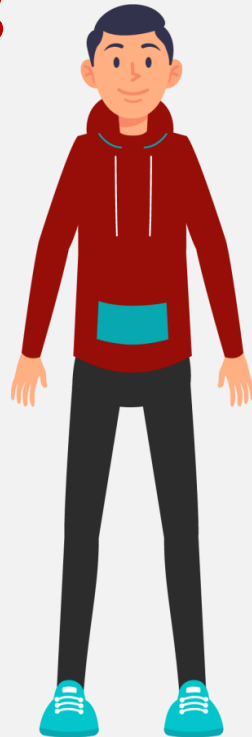
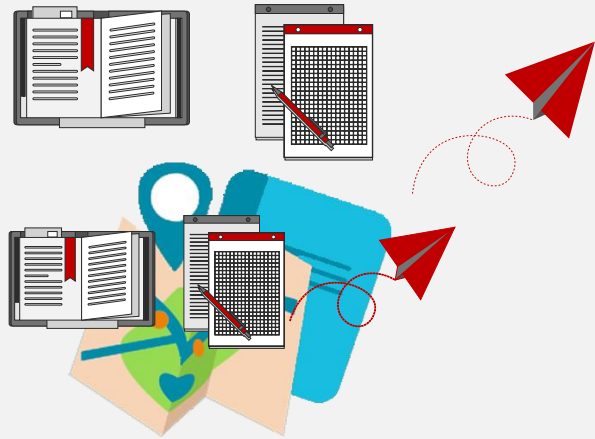
A better cooperation governance

Two types of projects

Smarter
Mediterranean

Greener
Mediterranean

**THEMATIC
PROJECTS**



GOVERNANCE
PROJECTS

NOT THIS TIME

Better
Mediterranean
Governance

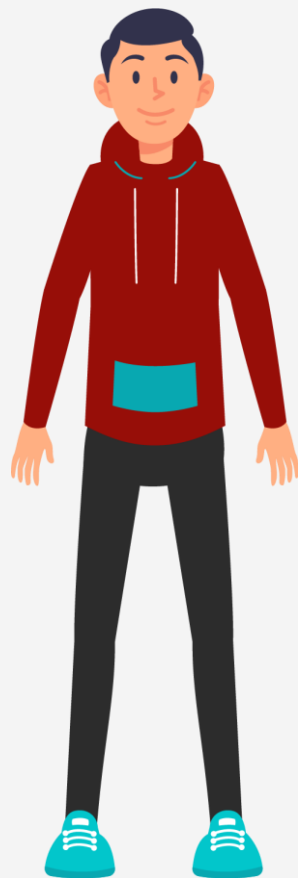


Study

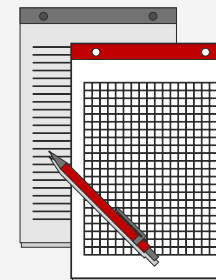
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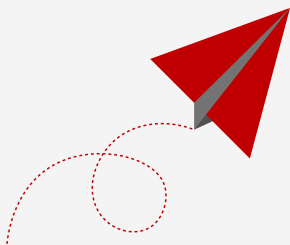
THEMATIC PROJECTS



Test



Transfer



Strategic territorial

NOT THIS TIME



In June 2024!

Thematic projects contribute to the missions



Thematic projects cooperate with the Governance projects

Thematic Community



Community4Innovation



Community4Nature



Community4LivingAreas



Community4Tourism

The Thematic Community projects aim to **build a community among thematic projects** and facilitate resource transfers to stakeholders, focusing on technical and strategic content

Institutional Dialogue



Dialogue4Innovation



Dialogue4Nature



Dialogue4LivingAreas



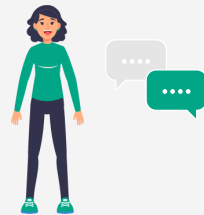
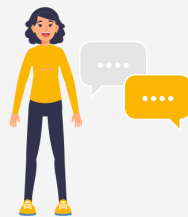
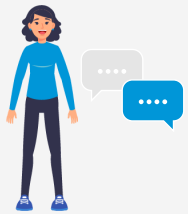
Dialogue4Tourism

The Institutional Dialogue projects aim to **amplify the transfer of policies** by fostering focused dialogue among policymakers and their stakeholders, focusing on policy improvement and transformation

Update on Programme implementation

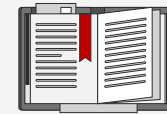
1st and 3rd call : Governance projects

8 projects selected – started January 2023

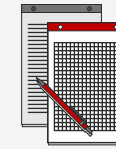


2nd call : Thematic projects

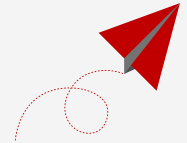
56 projects selected – started January 2024



8 study



40 Test



8 Transfer



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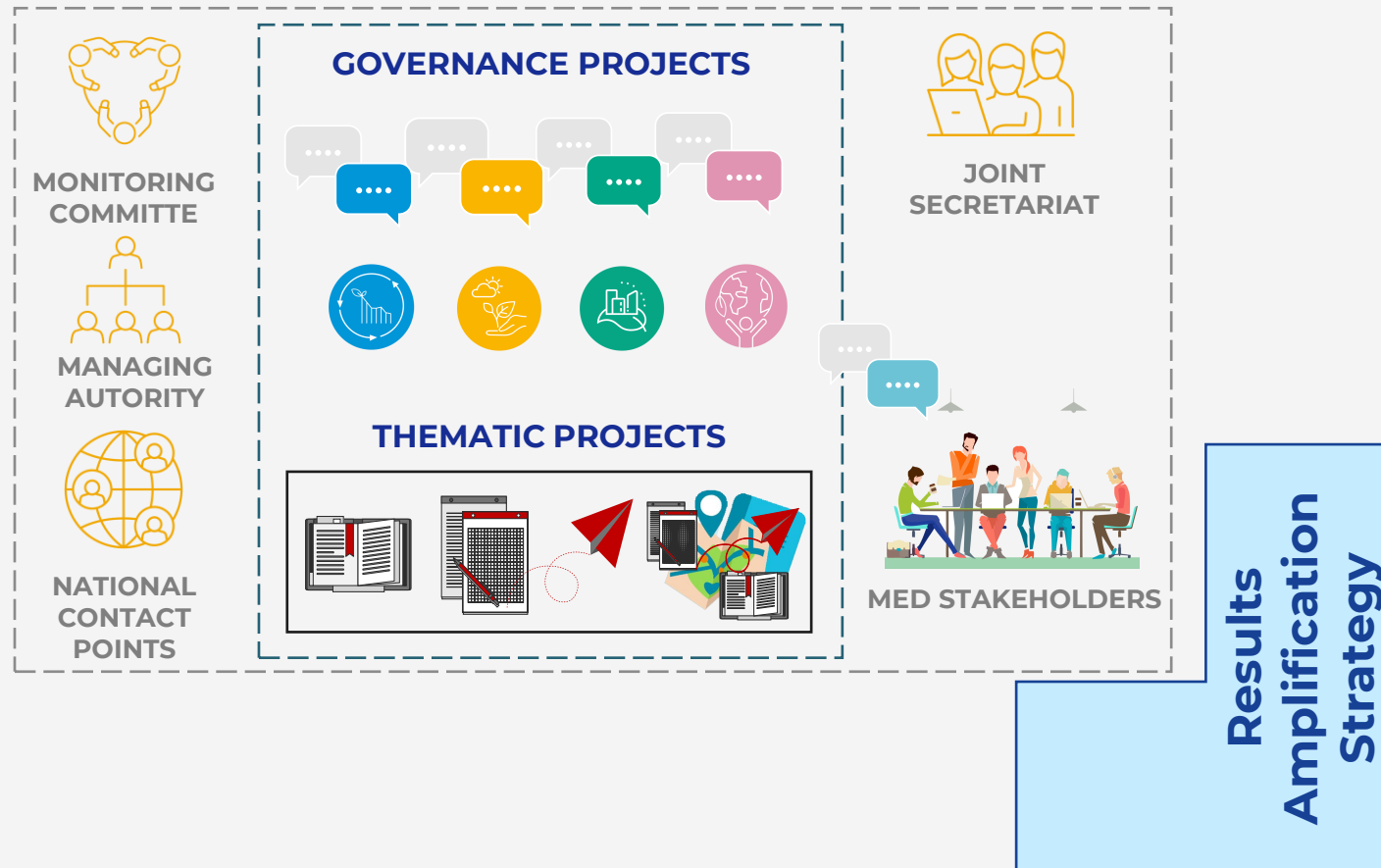
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The Programme Architecture

A COLLECTIVE STATE OF MIND



Results Amplification Strategy:

what is the role of the thematic projects?

| | The thematic projects and strategic territorial projects... |
|---|--|
| <p>Facilitated with the exploitation, sharing and reuse of knowledge, experiences and project results by Euro-MED projects or other programmes and promote the production of relevant work</p> <p>AND To facilitate the processes above</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Explore data published by projects and made available by the Programme (notably ToR and library) ✓ Implement JS instructions to ensure data reuse ✓ Carry out transfer feasibility studies ✓ Implement pilot transfer activities ✓ Design plans for transfer of results |
| <p>In the framework of transferring practices and results to other actors and territories and their integration into local, regional, <u>national</u> and European policies and strategies (mainstream)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Consolidate the results of relevant projects ✓ Participate in the identification and mobilisation of potential targets for transfer and mainstreaming ✓ Consolidate or create networks for dissemination and participation of stakeholders beyond the partnership ✓ Disseminate knowledge to stakeholders through dissemination activities including training ✓ Participate in the actions of their thematic community, benefiting from the experience and support of governance projects ✓ Implement mainstreaming plans in collaboration with IDPs and with the support of TCPs |
| <p>To increase coordination between actors acting on the Mediterranean (multi-level, transnational) based on this knowledge, <u>experience</u> and results</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Mobilise relevant multi-sectoral and multi-level decision-making actors ✓ Promote interfaces with other initiatives and projects of other programmes |

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Presentation of the Call and expectations

Partnership
Key project features

Expected partnership

- **As a minimum**, partners based in **5 different countries** within the Interreg Euro-MED cooperation area
- At least **2 partners** from **an EU region** of the Programme cooperation area
- **Lead Partner** must be a **public body**, or a **body governed by public law**
- Private institutions from **IPA countries** must be **non-profit**

**Organisations from IPA countries
can be Lead Partners!**

Reference documents:
Terms of Reference (Annex I)
Programme Manual

Eligible types of partners

- Local public authority - Regional public authority - National public authority
- Sectoral agency
- Infrastructure and (public) service provider
- Interest groups including NGOs
- Higher education and research organisations
- Education/training centre and school
- Enterprise, including SME
- Business support organization
- European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation (EGTC)
- International organisation, European Economic Interest Grouping (EEIG) (under national or international law)
- Hospitals and medical centers
- Other

**Listed in the Programme Manual
Possible restrictions in ToR
published for each call**

Partners status

Co-funded partners

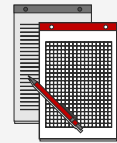
Associated partners

Any of the listed types of partners
Relevant to the project issues and objectives

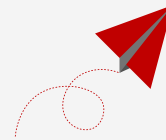
- Bodies from **EU countries** and countries participating to the Programme under the Instrument of Pre-Adhesion (**IPA**)
 - Budget **co-financed by 80%**
 - **Limited number** per project category: recommended maximum 10 for Test, 8 for Transfer
 - Implement activities and report, according to profile:
 - Test : institutional / operational
 - Transfer : institutional / networks
- Bodies **from any country**, within or outside of the EU
 - **Don't receive funds** but paired co-funded partner can cover travel and accommodation costs
 - Potentially, unlimited number
 - Take part in activities according to added-value :
 - Advisory
 - End-users
 - Observer

Projects duration

Total projects duration (implementation + closure activities)



33 months



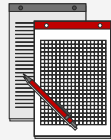
27 months

Starting date of the activities: **1st April 2025**

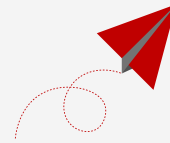


Reference documents:
Programme Manual
Terms of Reference
Courtesy A.Form

Projects budget



Max: 2.500.000€



Max: 1.500.000€

Total budget = EU (80%) + national (20%) co-financing

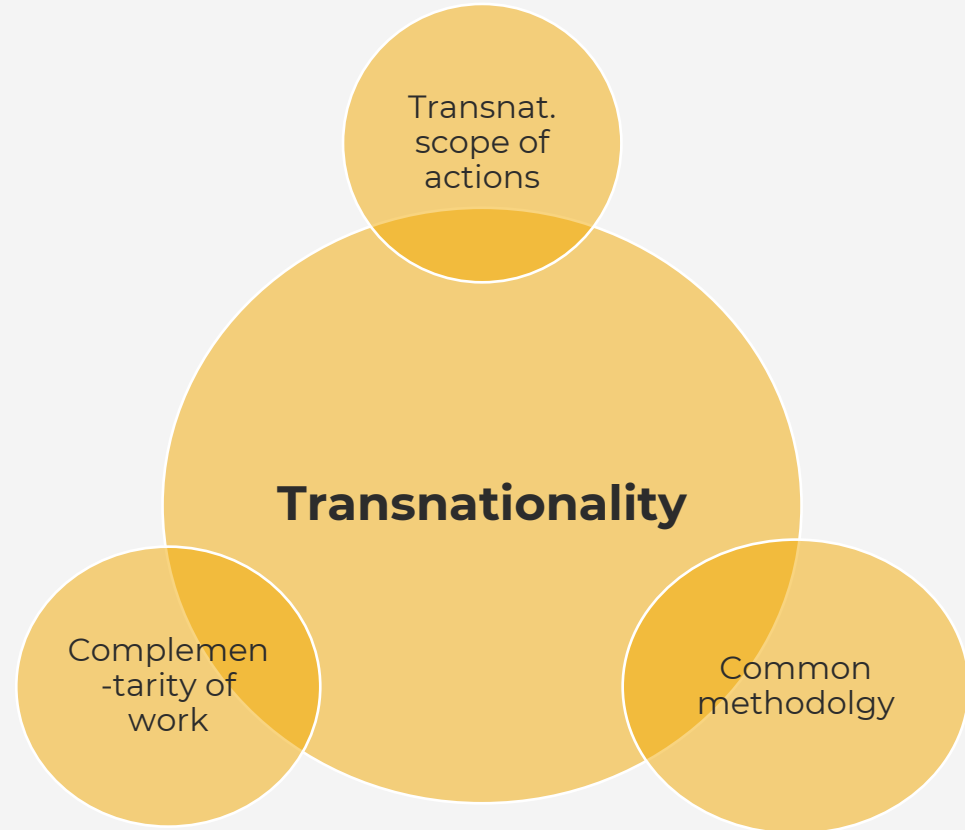
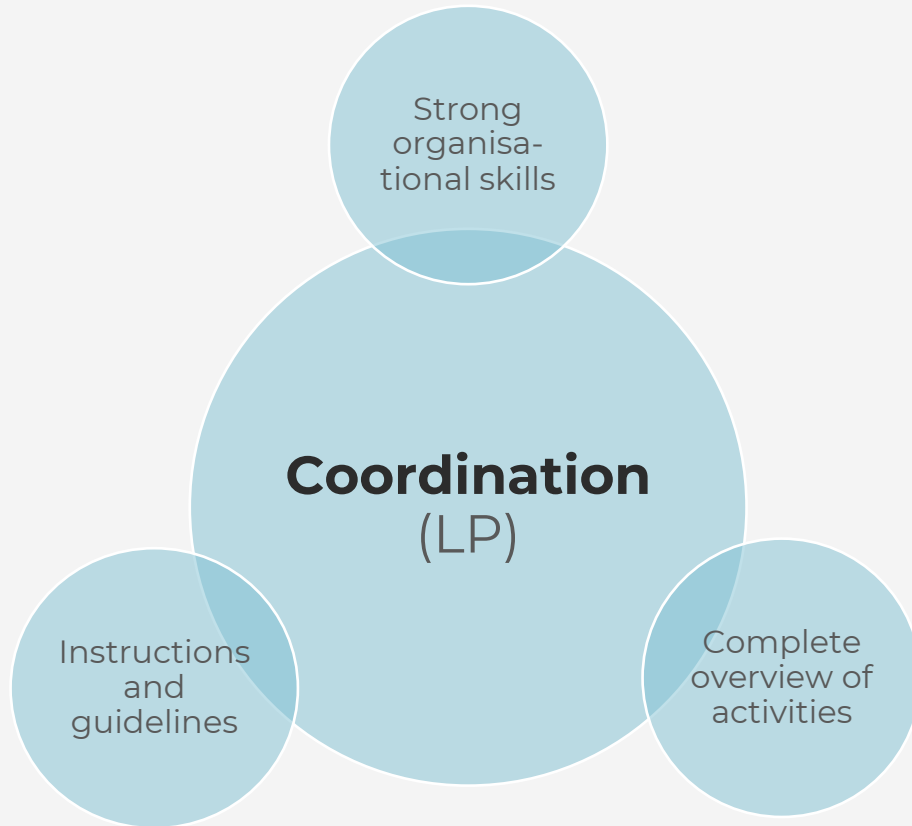
New rules for 2021-2027 period:

- Costs categories and Simplified costs Options
- Branding and communication
- Eligibility of costs

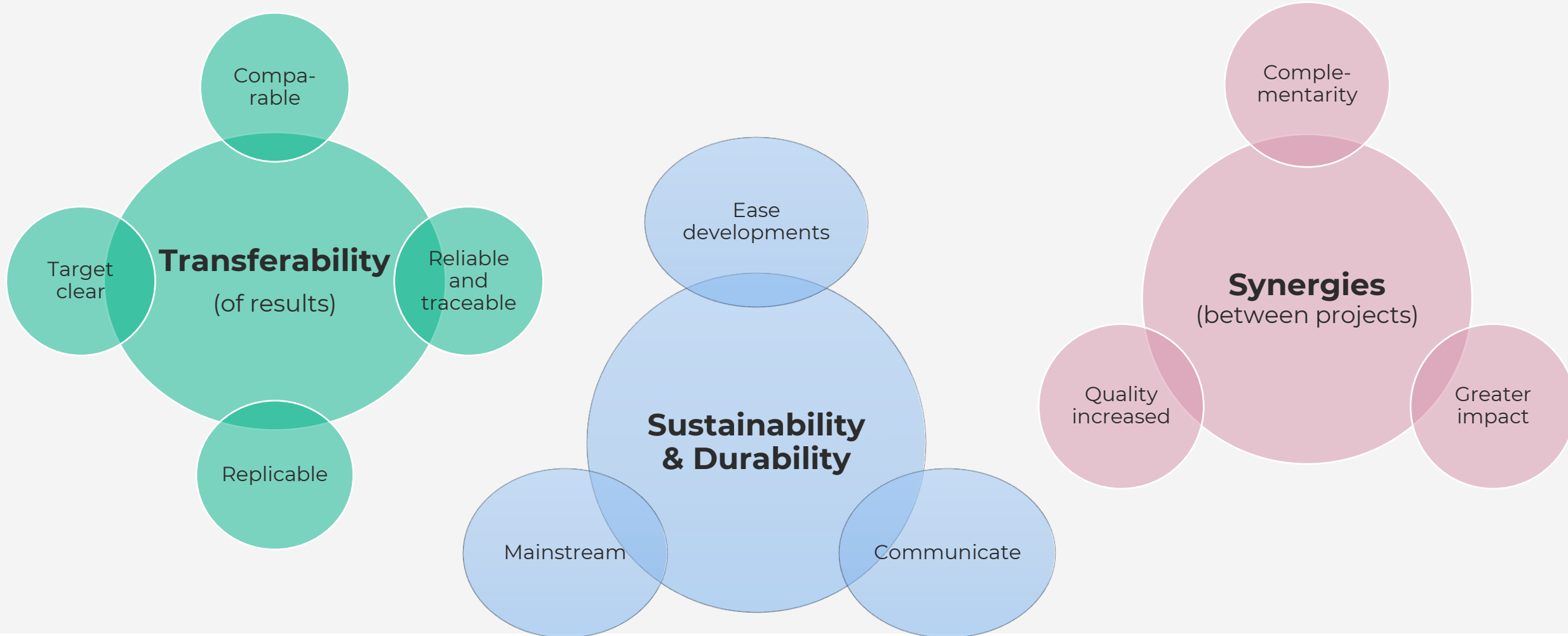
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Principles governing activities and productions



Principles governing activities and productions



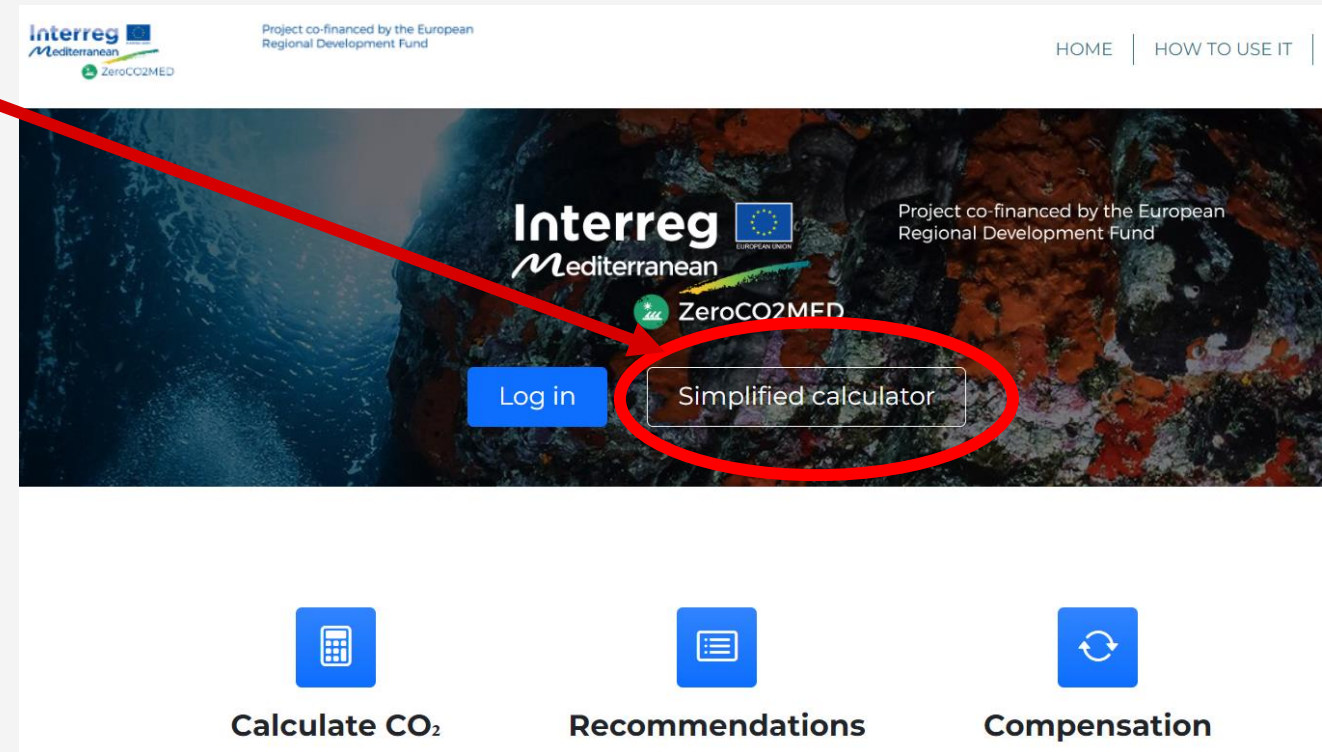
Compulsory activities: Monitoring the project carbon footprint

- **Step 1:** reduce project carbon footprint by design!
- **Step 2:** calculate the project carbon footprint
- **Step 3:** reduce your project emissions when feasible

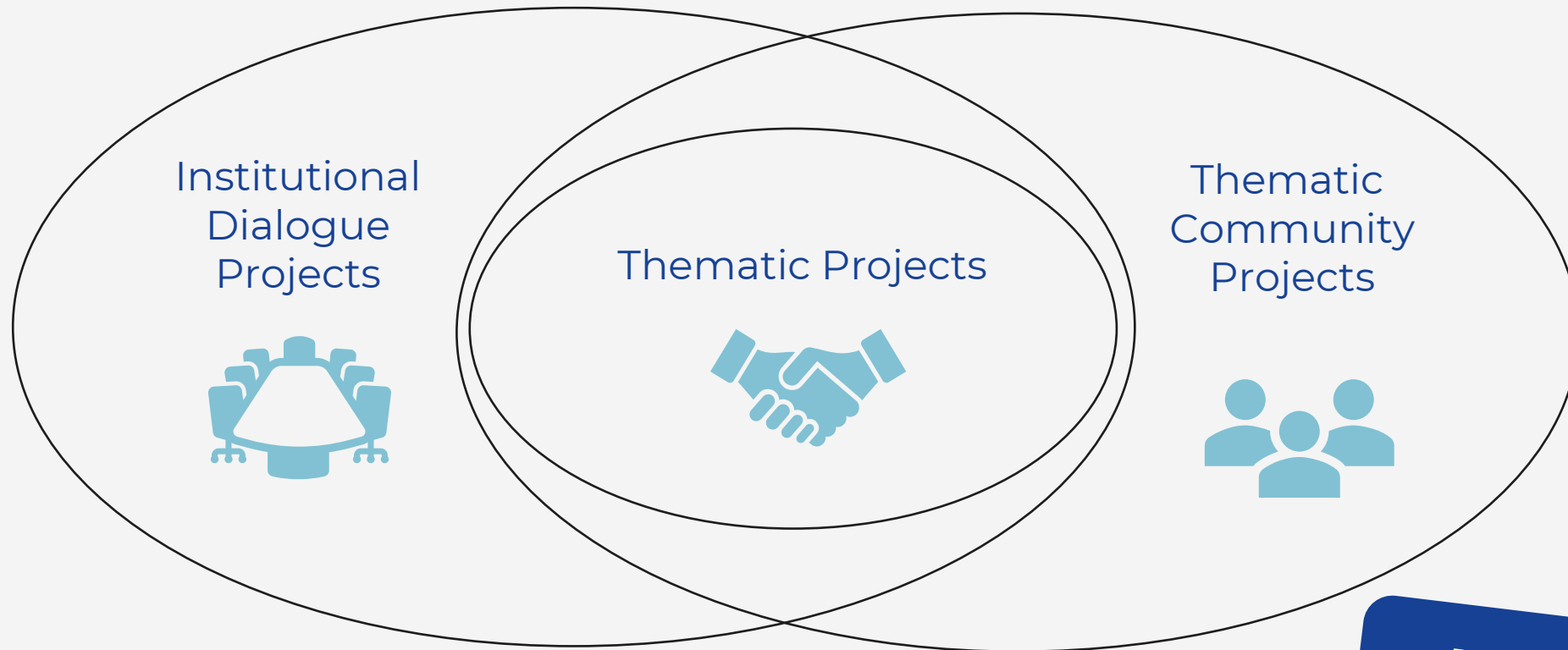
HOW?

- ✓ Methodology for calculation
- ✓ Online tool used for the monitoring and calculation of carbon emissions
- ✓ A range of recommendations for reduction

<https://carbonfootprint.interreg-euro-med.eu/>



Compulsory activities: Coordination with TCP and IDP



Reference documents:
Programme Manual
Terms of Reference

Compulsory activities: what is foreseen at least with TCP



F2F meetings



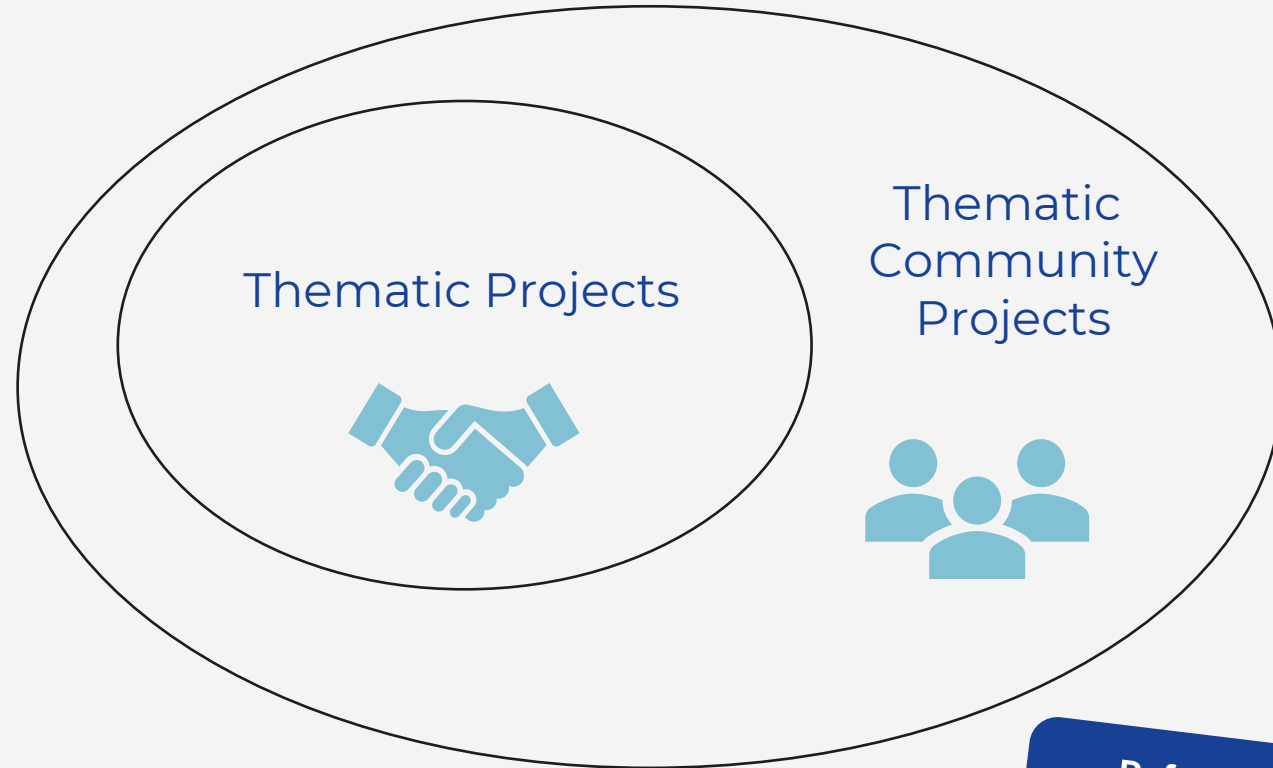
Joint events



1 video of project



Training material



Reference documents:
Programme Manual
Terms of Reference

Compulsory activities: according to GP's strategies



Thematic developments and policy uptakes

- **Database:** provide relevant information to feed the databases developed
- **Working groups:** participate in clustering process, development of synergies, collective thematic work (surveys, review of documents, provision of examples, etc.)
- **Networking activities** (in addition to mandatory joint event): participate in events for collective dissemination, transferring and integration processes
- **Joint capacity building activities:** participate in content development and or participate in training/mentoring/support processes offered by TCP
- **Transferring potential:** provide information to enable proper analysis of replicability, transferability and integration potential of project results
- **Mainstream support:** share previous experiences and mainstream methodologies

Target groups

- National, regional and local public authorities engaged in policymaking
- SMEs, enterprises and business support organisation
- Higher education and research organisation
- Civil society, local communities, interest group and NGOs
- Sectorial agencies in the field of the mission



Specificities detailed in each
Terms of Reference

Target areas

All types of areas are targeted :

- Coastal and maritime areas
- Islands
- Rural and mountain areas
- Urban areas

However, a focus could be made on specific areas to provide adapted outputs

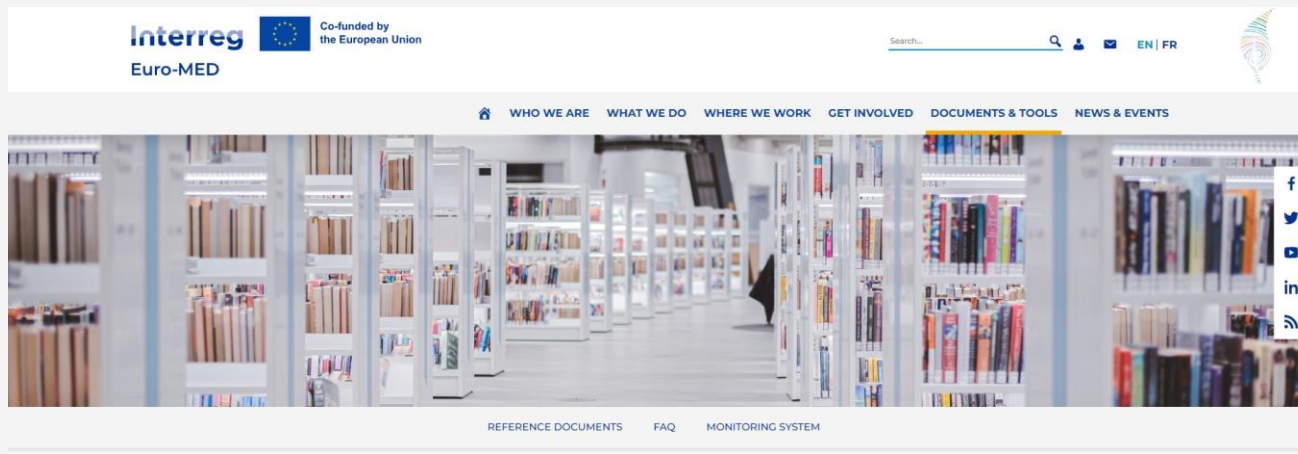


Continuity

When drafting the proposal, please consider the main **results of the Interreg MED projects** funded during 2014-2020

And the **projects funded under the Call02** for Thematic projects that started on 01/01/2024

Follow thematic seminars to get informed!



Approved projects under Call 02

Innovative Sustainable economy



AZA4ICE
BLUE ECOSYSTEM
CARBON FARMING MED
CircleMED
Clepsydra
eWAsTER
GREENSMARTMED
OliveOilMedNet
ProcuraMED
REPper
REVIVE
SPOWIND
VERDEinMED

Natural heritage



ARTEMIS
CARBON 4 SOIL QUALITY
COASTRUST
FRED
Germ of Life
GreenList4MMPAs
LocAll4Flood
MedSeaRise
MPA4Change
StrategyMedFor
TREASURE
WE GO COOP
Wetland4Change

Green Living Areas



Streets for Citizens
ArtMED
BauNOW
BAUHAUS4MED
CO2 PACMAN
E-MED
EnerCmed
GARDEN
GREENMO
INFIRE
LOGREENER
MED COLOURS
NUDGES
ProLIGHTmed
RECIinMED
ReMED
RENEWPORT
RuralMED Mobility
URWAN

Sustainable Tourism



COOL NOONS
HERIT ADAPT
LIBECCIO
MAST
MedDiet Go
MED-GIAHS
MED-Routes
NaTour4CChange
SMITour
TOURISMO

Complementarity

- Interreg Adrion, NextMed, Marittimo...
- DG MARE, DG ENV ...
- Eusair, Eusalp...
- UfM, Westmed, Bluemed...
- Any results or tools from other initiatives, strategies and Programmes...



SPECIAL FOCUS on results from :

- PRIMA/Horizon Europe
- LIFE
- EMFAF

And the link to [Smart Specialisation Strategies \(S3\)](#)

Convince your reader



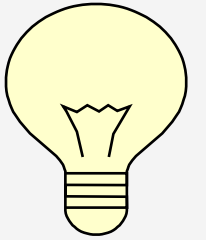
- ✓ Be **Consistent** with the call objectives, the actions, the budget, the partnership...
Do's : read the intervention logic
- ✓ Be **Concrete**. Answer the question « **How could my project lead to a concrete change** » ?
Do's : « By increasing the fraction of recycled plastic waste, the project will substantially reduce plastic waste generation from X tons of plastic used per year to X tons ».
- ✓ **Be precise and straightforward**
Do's : « By promoting the restoration of water polluted environments, the project will contribute to goal 6 of the UN sustainable development »

TIPS per application section

1. **Project relevance** : show clearly the **need** tackled
2. **Cooperation character** : **transnationality** must be essential to reach results
3. **Intervention logic** : must be concrete/direct/**coherent**
4. **Partnership relevance** : careful to geographical **balance**, skills, roles dispatch
5. **Horizontal principles** : show contribution with concrete **examples**
6. **Work plan** : objectives (=WP) must be **operational** and well sequenced
7. **Budget** : well **shared** and reflecting the activities

Follow technical meetings for more details !

Good things to do



- ✓ Read carefully the **Programme Manual** and the specific **ToR**
- ✓ Use the « **list of administrative and eligibility criteria** » and the **specificities** of the call to check your proposal
- ✓ Double check all documents uploaded and their content
- ✓ Follow our thematic and technical seminars
- ✓ In case of doubt, contact the **Joint Secretariat** (programme@interreg-euro-med.eu)

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Application procedure

Key documents composing a proposal

- ✓ **APPLICATION FORM** to be filled-in in Jems (English or French) and submitted
- ✓ **MANDATORY ANNEXES** : partners (incl. LP) and associated partners declaration generated from the Jems system and signed



Two consecutive stages:

1. **Application Form**, to be **validated in Jems before 12/06/2024**, at 13.00 (Brussels time)
2. **Mandatory annexes**;, to be uploaded **in Jems before 26/06/2024** at 13.00 (Brussels time).

Reference documents:
Programme Manual
Terms of Reference (Annex I)
Jems Guidelines

Application and selection procedure

Projects appraisal

- I. The administrative and eligibility check
- II. Quality assessment criteria (1 phase)
- III. Pre-contractual criteria

Quality Assessment in 1 phase on :

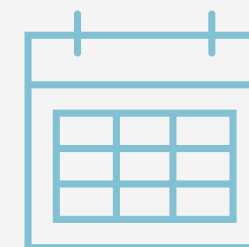
- project relevance,
- cooperation character,
- intervention logic,
- partnership relevance
- horizontal principles,
- work plan,
- budget

Rating based on 50 points (**35** out of 50 **at least** to be requested for **being eligible to approval, depending on available budget**)

Self-assessment of your proposal recommended!

Reference documents:
Programme Manual
Terms of Reference (Annexes I; II
and III)

Calendar of the call - upcoming key dates



| | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Opening – Closing of the Call | 12/03/2024 – 12/06/2024 13.00 (Brussels time) |
| Thematic seminars (online) | 21/03/2024 10.00-11.00 (Green Living Area) 21/03/2024 11.30-12.30 (Natural Heritage) 22/03/2024 10.00-11.00 (Innovative Sustainable Economy) 22/03/2024 11.30-12.30 (Sustainable Tourism) |
| Technical meetings (online) | 04/04/2024 10.00-12.30: Partnership & Logical framework, Strategic framework 15/04/2024 10.00-12.30: Work Plan / Mandatory activities / Communication activities / Indicators / Investments 17/04/2024 10.00-12.30: Budget/Eligibility of expenditure/ State aid 16/05/2024 10.00-12.30: Q&A |
| Instruction phase | June 2024 - January 2025 (depending on number of applications submitted) |
| MC selection decision | February 2025 (see above) |
| Projects Starting date | 01/04/2025 |

National Info Days

Malta 13/03

France 05/04

Spain 08/04

Croatia 16 + 17/04

Cyprus 25/04

Portugal end April

Bulgaria 25/04

For more detailed information



- Programme webpage dedicated to the call:
 - **The Terms of Reference and its technical data sheet** including the eligibility and assessment criteria
 - **The Word application form template** (courtesy version, provided for information with specific indications to facilitate the writing of the proposal)
- The Programme Manual
- The Jems guide for entering the proposal on the Programme IT tool
- The Euro-MED 21-27 Cooperation Programme and its annexes
- The Euro-MED 21-27 Communication Strategy
- The Euro-MED 21-27 Results Amplification Strategy
- The online FAQ

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Questions

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Short break

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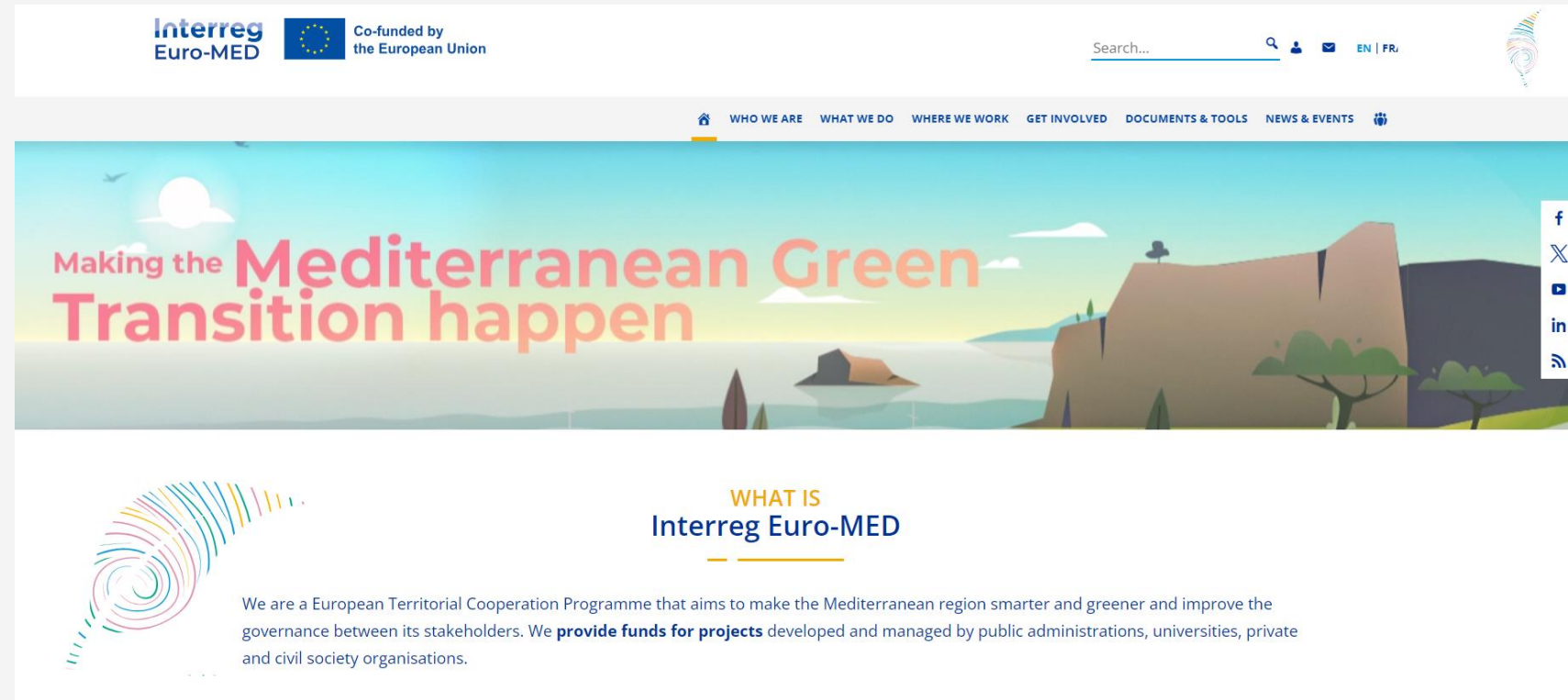


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Preparing and submitting your application

Website

<https://interreg-euro-med.eu/>



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Interreg Euro-MED website. At the top left, there is the logo for Interreg Euro-MED and the text 'Co-funded by the European Union' next to the European Union flag. A search bar is located on the top right. Below the header is a navigation menu with links: WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE DO, WHERE WE WORK, GET INVOLVED, DOCUMENTS & TOOLS, and NEWS & EVENTS. The main banner features a colorful illustration of a Mediterranean landscape with the text 'Making the Mediterranean Green Transition happen'. Below the banner, there is a section titled 'WHAT IS Interreg Euro-MED' with a decorative graphic of a stylized leaf. The text in this section reads: 'We are a European Territorial Cooperation Programme that aims to make the Mediterranean region smarter and greener and improve the governance between its stakeholders. We provide funds for projects developed and managed by public administrations, universities, private and civil society organisations.'

Calls for proposals

CALENDAR

| Calls | Status | Priorities | Budget | Opening on | Closing on |
|---|---------|------------|---------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1st call: Governance Projects | Closed | ISO 1 | 19 M€ | 24/02/2022 | 1/06/2022 |
| 2nd call: Thematic Projects | Closed | PO1/PO2 | 118 M€ | 27/06/2022 | 27/10/2022 |
| 3rd call: Governance Projects | Closed | ISO 1 | 17 M€ | 29/09/2022 | 3/11/2022 |
| 4th call: Thematic Projects | Planned | PO1/PO2 | 44 M€** | 12/03/2024 | 12/06/2024 |
| 5th call: Thematic Projects (Strategic Territorial Projects only) | Planned | PO1/PO2 | 35 M€** | 06/2024 (1st phase) | 07/2024 (1st phase) |
| 6th call: Thematic Projects (Test projects) – Restricted | Planned | PO1/PO2 | 10 M€** | 04/2026 | 04/2026 |
| 7th call: Thematic Projects (Transfer projects) – Restricted | Planned | PO1/PO2 | 23 M€** | 2nd Semester 2026 | 2nd Semester 2026 |



CALL 4

Thematic projects

The subject of this 4th open call for proposals is the financing of **thematic projects** that correspond to the following priorities and related specific objectives:

The call addresses **2 types of projects**:

- test projects
- transfer projects

For more information on the types of projects, visit this [page](#).

Programme priorities and specific objectives

Projects must be aligned with the Programme priorities (**Priority 1: A Smarter Mediterranean & Priority 2: A Greener Mediterranean**) and its **specific objectives** as follows:

Applying to the call

The **Terms of reference** (one per each mission) set out the specific criteria we are looking for. Applications are possible only during the dates of the call (cf. calendar below). Outside this period, no application will be considered.

Applications **must be submitted** online via Jems, the monitoring system developed by Interact. It is available for all applicants and partners at: <https://jems.interreg-euro-med.eu/>.

To help you use Jems, you can read the [user manual](#).

The programme's Monitoring Committee decides which projects to approve.

Download the terms of reference and courtesy application form for more information.

We also strongly recommend you to read the **Cooperation Programme** and the **Programme Manual**.

You may also visit the **Documents&Tools** section to find more information and documents that will help you in your overall understanding of the Programme and its calls for proposals.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

[Innovative Sustainable Economy](#)

[Natural heritage](#)

[Green living areas](#)

[Sustainable tourism](#)

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

[Programme manual \(v1.8\)](#)

[Cooperation programme](#)

[Courtesy application form \(available soon\)](#)



Reference Documents



Programme

Operational programme, strategies,
committees's decisions...

[Read more](#)



Project application

Programme manual, partners
declaration, statements...

[Read more](#)



Project implementation

Contracting documents, reporting,
mission and project branding...

[Read more](#)

Regulations in my country

EURO-MED COUNTRIES

- | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Albania | France | Portugal |
| Bosnia-Herzegovina | Greece | Republic of North Macedonia |
| Bulgaria | Italy | Slovenia |
| Croatia | Malta | Spain |
| Cyprus | Montenegro | |

FORUM

→ Search for potential partners

Find project partners (Forum)

Do you have a project idea and are looking for partners to implement it? We have the solution for you: **sign up to our forum(s)!**

There is one **forum** per mission. You can access them without prior registration. If you want to add your own project idea or reply to a post, you will need to [log in to your account](#) or [create one](#).

Follow the links below to access the different forums.



Innovative sustainable economy



Natural heritage



Green living areas



Sustainable tourism



Mediterranean Governance



F.A.Q.

→ Find answers to your questions

→ Different categories

→ If you can't find your answer, ask your question on the helpdesk

FAQ Frequently Asked Questions

Here you can find the answer to the most frequently asked questions about the Programme, tools, project application and implementation. If you do not find the answer to your question, please use the form below to send us your question. We might publish the answer here to enrich our FAQ.



Annexes

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- Declarations can be signed electronically ?
Partner declaration forms can be exported/downloaded from the export section of JEMS, but ONLY AFTER THE SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION. Does this mean that partner declaration forms, including lead partner declaration forms can be submitted after the deadline for the submission of project applications? Also, can you confirm that deminimis declaration forms need to be submitted as well? If



General

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- What is the definition of an investment in the sense of the Programme?
- Will the Programme provide or suggest a methodology for the projects to offset CO2 emissions?
- Is the Interreg Euro-MED cooperation area defined at country or regional (NUTS2) level? Where can I find the description of eligible NUTS2 regions?
- Can a private nonprofit entity that wants to submit



Jems

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- The PDF version of the application form, exported from Jems, does not include a page for signature. How can I sign it?
- All the fields of the Application Form are filled but the "Check and submit" button still sends back that some sections are missing. What can I do ?
- Regarding travel budget, why does Jems add automatically 22% of staff costs to the flat rate?
- When it is for EU locations the system indicates 15%...

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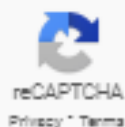
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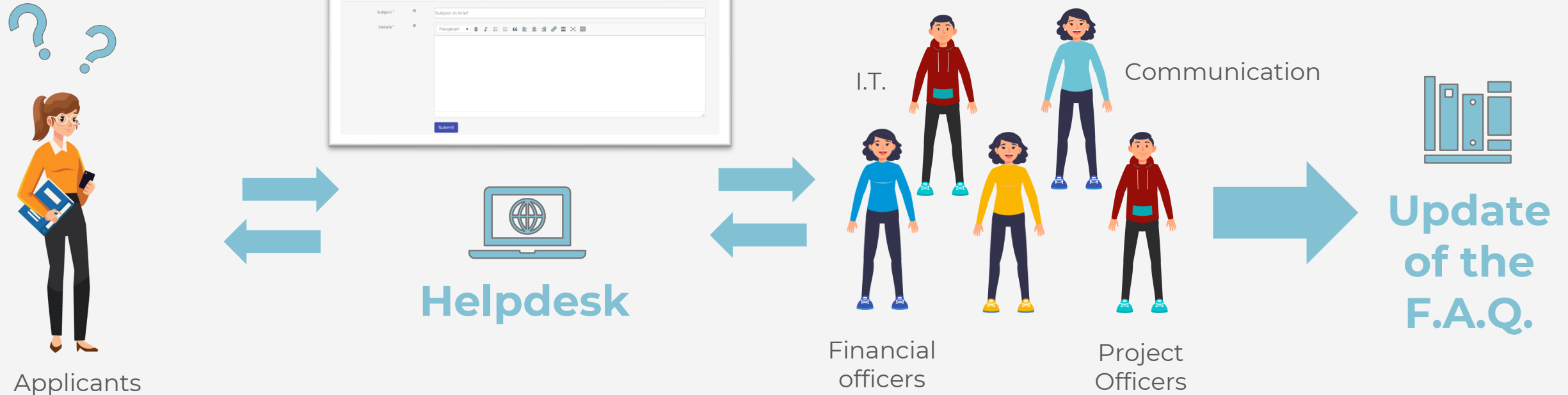
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